## **Executive Order 13-02**

## State of Montana Office of the Governor

## **Executive Order Proclaiming an Emergency to Exist in Montana**

WHEREAS, a severe spring storm is currently having devastating effects to the public health and safety of the citizens of Montana; and

WHEREAS, this spring storm has severely damaged rural electrical power utilities and resulted in electrical power outages; and

WHEREAS, the immediate restoration of the rural electrical power is essential to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the affected counties and Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, heavy snow and rain in the mountains has and will continue to cause flooding; and

WHEREAS, County Commissioners and the Blackfeet Nation have declared disasters; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this proclamation will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of and emergency or disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDY MARTZ, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that an emergency exists in the State of Montana.

This Order is effective June 8, 2002.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2002.

JUDY MARTZ, Governor

ATTEST:

## BOB BROWN, Secretary of State



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